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ROSTER OF THE LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS WHICH MET AT THE TUN TAVERN, PHILADELPHIA.

BY JULIUS FREDERICK SACHSE.

The first lodge of Free and Accepted Masons held in the Colonies was organized in Philadelphia, at the Tun Tavern, a once prominent hostelry on the east side of King (Water) Street, at the corner of a small thoroughfare that led down to the river, known as Wilcox's, now Tun, Alley. In Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette*, as early as June 26, 1732, it is announced that a "Grand" Lodge had been held on the previous Saturday (St. John's Day), when William Allen was chosen Grand Master and the printer as one of the wardens.

No official records of this lodge are known to exist, with the exception of the lodge ledger, "Liber B," now in possession of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. From this we learn that the body was known as St. John's Lodge, and proves that the lodge was in existence June 24, 1731. There is also a strong presumption that this lodge constituted itself as a "Grand" Lodge after the formation of other lodges within the province.

St. John's Lodge did not remain long at the Tun Tavern, for when, in 1734, mine host Brother John Hobart removed from that hostelry the lodge also changed its quarters and was convened at the Indian King Hotel, corner of Market Street and Biddle's Alley, now Bank Street, and in 1749 to the Royal Standard Tavern, on Market Street, near Second Street.

Owing to the absence of documentary evidence, there is no way of determining when the subordinate lodges were constituted or where located, but one was within the city and also met at the old Tun Tavern, then in possession of the Mullen family. This society was known as "The Tun

At an Extra Lodge held on Monday 3 July 1749 at
the Tun Tavern in Waterstreet Philad.

Present Bro. Griffin M.
Smith S.W.
Barron J.W.

Members Present

Bro. Swan, Bro. Archdale, Bro. Foster,
Corfe, Mullan,

Proceeded to business

W. Ima Lawson being proposed & balloted for
last Lodge Night was unanimously admitted to the first
degree of Masonry

Tun Clock & Lodge closed

At a Lodge held on Wednesday 5th July 1749 at the
Tun Tavern in Waterstreet Philad.

Present Bro. Griffin M.
Smith S.W.
Barron J.W.

Members Present.

Bro. David, Swan, Archdale, Lee, Corfe, Wright
& Mullan.

Visiting Brethren
John Alger

Proceeded to business

Mr. John Bird admitted to the first degree of Masonry
Mr. John Schlydorn, do.
Bro. Wright passed Fellow Craft
Bro. Lee raised Master Mason & a Member

Tun Clock & Lodge closed

FAC-SIMILE (REDUCED) OF FIRST PAGE OF THE JOURNAL OF TUN TAVERN LODGE, 1749–1755.

Tavern Lodge," and, together with St. John's Lodge, met on alternate Wednesdays, an arrangement which insured an open lodge every Wednesday during the year.

A minute-book or "Journal" of this lodge, commencing June 28, 1749, is still in existence, and was for a time in possession of the writer. Although evidently not the first book of this lodge, it is the oldest Masonic minute-book known, and is the only record in existence that gives any insight into the workings of the body of Freemasons known as "Moderns," who were the first to introduce "Masonic light and charity" into America, many years prior to the formation of our present Grand Lodges under the warrant of the *Ancients*.

A photographic fac-simile of this valuable record, made by the writer, is now in possession of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. A careful examination of the pages and a collation of all names mentioned in the journal show that there were at least eighty-seven regular members of the lodge, with a list of one hundred and eighty-six visiting brethren, the latter including a number of Masons entered, passed, and raised within the lodge, and yet not elected to membership. The names of the regular members of the lodge are printed in capitals.

ADAMS, CAPTAIN.
Adcock.
Agnew.
Allen, Richard.
Allen.
Alsop, John.
Alvirius.
Arnold.
ARSHDALE (Archdall).
ASHTON.
Assheton, William.
AUSTIN, CAPTAIN JOHN.
Austin, Samuel, not a Brother.

Backop, Captain Lawrence.
Baine.
Baker, Frederick.
Ball, William.
BARON.
BATTAAR (Bataar) (Batare).
Batkhus.
Batter, Eneas.
Battle, French.
Bayley, John.
BELL, JOHN.
Best, Mathew.
Biel, John.
Blair.
BLAKE, THOMAS.
Boggs.
BOUDE, JOHN.
Bowser.
BOYDE, CAPTAIN ROBERT.
Brabazon, Hervey.

Brooks.
Brown, Captain.
BRULIET, JOHN.
Bunting, Samuel.
Burk.
Burton.
BUSUE, CAPTAIN.

Caldwell.
Cannon, George.
Cappoch, James.
Carbutt, Joseph.
CLAMPFER (Klamfer).
Claxton.
Clemons.
Coghlan, Jeremiah — Captain of Ship Fred. Mason.
Collias, Mr. (a transient Gent who was innitiated).
Condon, John.
Constable.
CORFFE (Corfe).
CORPERAL, JOHN.
Cummins.
Cummings.
Currey (Curry), Daniel.

David.
DAVIS.
Davison.
DE LATHIOLIAS, JOHN.
DELLANOE.
DEWARS, CAPTAIN.
Dewit (Dawit), Patrick.
Diper (Dipper).
DONALDSON, HUGH.
Done, Doctor.
Dowglass, Captain John.
Dubois, C.
DUCHEE (Duche), ANTHONY.
Duglass.
DUTENS, CHARLES JOHN.
Dyer.

Eaton, Captain Peter.
ECKLES, CAPTAIN GEORGE.
Eggnew.
England, Captain.
Evans.
EVE, OSWALD.
EVES.
EWING, JOHN.

Fatin.
FAULKNER (Faulkiner) (Falconer).
Fisher, John.
Fisher, Thomas.
Fisher, Samuel.
FLANIGAN.
FORSTER (Foster).
Fotheringham.
Franklin, Benjamin, Prov. G.M.
Franklin, jun. (William?).

Gamble, William.
Gantony.
GIBBONS.
Gilson (Gibson?).
GLENTWORTH, CAPTAIN THOMAS.
Goffton.
Gordon, John.
GRIFFIN.

HAMPTON.
HARRIS.
Harris, Captain Richard.
Harrison, Samuel.
HART, GEORGE.
Haselton, James.
Hay, Doctor David.
Heighinton, Captain Conway.
Hemlin, Edward.
Hillhouse.
Hilliart.
HODGSON (Hodgeson).
HOLLAND, WILLIAM.
Houston.
Howard, John.
Howison.
HUDSON, PETER.
Humphreys, Charles.

Humphreys, Edward.
Hunlock, Bowman.
Hunter, Christian.

JAMES, LEWIS.
James, Captain Michael.
JEMMISSON.
Jenkins, Captain.
JENKINS, JOHN.
Jones, Thomas.
JOY, CAPTAIN DANIEL.

Karst, Capt. Phillip Godfret.
KEAPPOCH, JOHN.
Keen, Benjamin.
Keith, Cornelius.
Kelly.
Kelly, William.
Kennedy, John.
Kibby, John.
Knight, John.

Leacock.
LEE, WILLIAM.
Leech.
LEECRAFT, CAPTAIN VINA.
Legg, Edward.
Lemon, Captain.
Lloyd, Morris.
Longwell, Thomas.

McCARTHY, CAPTAIN.
McDOWALL, ALEXANDER.
McEvoy (McEvey), Christin.
McFarson.
Malone.
MANNY, FRANCIS.
MASON.
MASON, ABRAHAM.
MASON, WILLIAM.
Mathers.
MATHEWS.
Mauremet.
MAHEW, JOHN.
Meynier, Peter.
Milnor, Isaac.
Mitchell.
Montague (Monteigue).
Moore.
Moore, William.
MORGAN, MORRIS.
Morgan, Howell.
MORGAN.
Morris, John.
MULLAN.
MULLAN, THOMAS.
MURRAY.
Murray, Walter.

NÄSMANN, REVEREND GABRIEL.
Nicholson.
Nunes.

Oglesby.
ORD, JOHN.
Osborn.

Parker, Doctor William.
Palmer, David.
Parry.
Patterson.
Pattin (Patin).
Phillip.
PHILLIPS.

Quinn.

Redhead.
REILY, JOHN.
Rice.
Rick (Reick), Joachim.
Roberdeau.
ROBESON.
Robinson, Rudy.
ROBINSON.
Roche.
Rony, Hercules.
Ross, John.
RUNNEDETT, JAMES (Rennidet).
Russell.
Rouse.

St. Dearsley.
Salter.
Sannon.
Savage, Captain Richard.
SAVAN.
SCHLEYDORN, JOHN.
Scott.
Servin (Serven), John.
Shannon, Capt. George.
SHANNON.
Shead, William.
SHEE, WALTER.
SHUTE, WILLIAM.
Simes, John.
Singleton.
Skinner.
Smith, Captain.
Smith, James.
Smith, Joseph.
Smith, Bro.
Snow, Mrs. Clandestine Masons made at her house.
Sommersett.
Soute.
Splitdorf.
STACY, EDMUND.
Stephanus, Sebastian.
Stevens, Erasmus.
STEPHENS, JOHN.
STEPHENS.
Stevenson, James.
Steward.
Stewison.
Stokes, Captain Luke.
STOUT (Stoute).
Summaine.
SWAN, RICHARD.

TAGE (Teage).
Teage, Captain.
Terry, James.
TEW.
Thompson.
Thompson, Robert.
Tibow, James.
TROY.

Urmstone, Reverend.
Urich (Urick).
USHER, REVEREND MATTHEW.

VIDAL, STEPHEN.
Vinning.
Viten.
VOTO, PAUL ISAAC.

Wallace.
Waner.
WASDALE (Wasdell), WILLIAM.
Warner, Joseph.
Wells, Captain Samuel.
West.
WEYMAN, EDWARD.
White, Thomas.
WHYTE, CAPTAIN JAMES.
WILKINSON, JUN., JOHN.
Williams, Captain.
Wood, James.
Wood, Joseph.
WOOD.
Woolley.
Woodyear, Lumley.
Wormly, John.
Woulfe.
WRIGHT, HUGH.
Wyatt, Captain Edward.

Yates.
Yeates.
Young, Mutry.
Young, William.

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1752, March, 12th.
&
3, February 1754

Subscribers to the building now alive with the sum subscribed (11th March 1782.)—

James Hamilton	£50	Dead 14 Aug 1783.
Benjamin Franklin	20	
Thos. Bond Senr.	15	Dead Mar 1784.
Danl. Roberdeau	15	
John Swift	15	
Towns'd White	15	
Chas. Stedman	15	
John Kidd	15	
John Wallace	15	Dead 26 Sept 1783.
Edw'd Shippen	15	
James Wallace	15	
Chas. Humphreys	15	
Mich'l Hillegas	20	
Tench Francis	15	
William Moor	15	

John Wallace—Richard Hill—Edward Shippen—John Swift—William Franklin—Samuel Mifflin—Daniel Roberdeau—Thomas Bond—Wm. Plumstead a committee for building the Lodge.

Left the State

William Franklin	£15
Andrew Elliot	15

Dead.

William Allen	£50
John Bell	15
Rich'd Hill	15
Sam'l Mifflin	15
William Plumstead	20
Alex'r Huston	20
Benj'n Price	15

Members of the 1st. Lodge that did not subscribe
Hon'ble John Penn
Doct'r William Smith
Math'w Clarkson
Henry Elwes.